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THE FRIEND OF GOD OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SERMON A Scholarly and Polished Sermon by

Rev. J. D. Burrel.

Brooklyn, N. Y .- Sunday morning the Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, pastor of the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church, preached an interesting sermon on the subject, "The Friend of ens in the form of gifts. God." The text was from James ii:23: "He was called the Friend of God." Mr. Burrell said:

The figure of Abraham is one of the most majestic spared to us by the past. He stands before us in singular dignity, serenity and power, and his supreme quality was that he was the friend of God.

The phrase is peculiar. It is not said that God was his friend, but that he was God's friend. There is a difference. We accept the friendship of God as a matter of course, like the air we breathe. But the thought that man may be a friend to God scarcely comes to us at all.

There is something deeply touching about that thought. For we usually look upon God as sufficient unto Himself. Yet in this other respect we see Him longing for friends. That desire is common among men, for there are many lonesome, misunderstood, hungry for a friendly word of appreciation. Now think of God also as misunderstood, grieved by neglect, yearning to be loved. Then think of Abraham as giving God his heart. You see how much it meant to God that Abraham was his friend.

One is led to be the friend of another by liking him. The reason why we like him may be inexplicable to ourselves, for there is no accounting for tastes. All fruits are the gifts of God to men, yet some we enjoy and others we reject. All people are children of God, and we can love every one of The donor consulted his desire rather them in a disinterested and fraternal way. But this does not interfere with our liking some better than others. Even our Saviour felt this human tendency and was drawn by it to a special intimacy with the apostle John.

I suppose there never was a person about whom people differed more than Charles Lamb. Some could not endure | fringes. In medieval times they did his perpetual raillery, his bad puns, penance and paid money. To-day they his stammer. Others knew him to be one of the rarest spirits, subtle in in- | leges. But if we would please God we tellect, exquisite in taste and grandly unselfish.

His friends full away from Him. The true friend is he who stands by God when strange and cruel things happen that cannot be explained; who main- INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS tains confidence in the divine goodness when others deny it, who defends God's name when others impugn it, who says with Job, "though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." God will never forget stanchness like that.

Generosity is one of the lovely traits of true friendship. It comes out in feeling, in conduct and in special tok-

The ancients illustrated this in the story of Damon and Pythias. Pythias was condemned to death, but begged leave to go home and arrange his affairs. His friend Damon took his place in prison. In the end in the nick of time, Pythias returned and surrendered himself. Because of the spectacle of such a friendship he was pardoned. But the interest of the story centres in Damon lying in prison while the days of Pythias' absence lengthen and the time of execution draws near. For not only was Damon content to endure imprisonment for his friend, but far beyond that he was prepared to die in his place.

The story is no doubt a fairy tale, but is gives us a true lesson, and has had influence upon the civilized conception of friendship. And as applied to our relationship to God it is suggestive. If our friendship to Him is genuine it will bear the mark of generosity. There have been not a few friends of God ready to die, if need be, for Him. And yet there are many who render to God what they like rather than what He likes. Sometimes presents are given among us on the same irrational basis. You have seen a poor young couple receive from some rich acquaintance an absurd wedding present of a costly piece of bric-a-brac which would be utterly out of place in their

modest parlor, and would divert an amount of money which would have been a great help in practical form. than theirs.

So is it often with men's gifts to God; they give Him what they like rather than what He likes. In Jeremiah's age they offered sacrifices of builocks and goats. In Christ's day they performed elaborate religious ceremonies and wore phylacteries and erect costly churches and endow colmust consult His wishes in our gifts first rank and father-in-law of the king and not our own. And what does God (2 Kings 24: 8). "Delaiah." Of this like best? A pure heart, a humble and prince nothing more is known. "Gecontrite spirit, days free from evil, mariah." A scribe of the temple, a practical thoughts of kindness for othman of noble blood. From a window ers, homes of real devotion, sacrifices in his official chamber Baruch read of money from genuine love of His aloud the prophecies of Jeremiah, and work, words of honest testimony for Gemariah's son Michaiah, reported this Him in public and private. These are to him (vs. 10-12). "Made intercesthe things God likes, and thou who sion." These princes would have aided love' Him even offer them to Him. the king in following his father's steps. In the fourteenth century, when the We learn the same from the basket of moral and spiritual state of Christendom was dark, a group of noble souls banded themselves together to strive after holiness. Their headquarters Jer. 26: 22. were at Strassburg and Cologne. Their greatest member was John Tauler. the celebrated preacher, whose printed sermons made a deep impression on Luther. The influence of those men whs performed and abides to this day. But the thing to notice especially about them was their name: they called themselves "The Friends of God." Is there not a place for such people be found. in the life of to-day? Men are apt to II. Jeremiah restores the word of become so absorbed in the concerns of God (vs. 27-32). 27. "Word-came." this life as to neglect God altogether, That word was not burned, neither and when they do think of, Him it is was Jeremiah hidden from the eyes of often with the desire chiefly to get the Lord. 28. "Another roll." The something from Him. How sordid and unworthy this all is. We ought to entire book was rewritten, and this second manuscript, so far as can be have our relationship on a higher level. known now, is the one we have to-day. Is it not possible for us to appreciate Disaster is not necessarily defeat. The His grandeur and goodness for their destruction of this book was a great own excellence? Can we not like Him disaster. No copy existed, and no hufor what He is? As He looks down man memory could produce it. But upon a considerably indifferent world, God re-inspired the prophet, and the can we not give Him the happiness of second edition was fuller than the first. letting Him see that we are His 29. "Concerning Jehoiakim-say" (R. friends? And when trouble bewilders us let us still believe in Him; when V). It is doubtful whether Jeremiah His good name is assailed, let us de- and the king again met. Note the confend Him; when He wants some one | trast between this morally hardened, impious king, boiling with wrath to do His work, let us say, "Here am I, send me." We are familiar enough with the idea that God is our friend. But the ques-Jehovah even in the face of death. tion is who are willing to be friends of "Saying, Why," etc. This was no God?



FOR AUGUST 20.

Subject: Jehoiakim Burns the Word ou God, Jer. xxxvi., 21-32-Golden Text, Jer. xxvi., 13-Memory Verses, 22.24-Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Jehoiakim's great sin (vs. 21-26). 21. "King sent." So that he might hear the roll read and not be obliged to learn its contents through secondhand reports. "Took it out," etc. The princes had filed the roll among the public records (v. 20) for safe keeping. "Jehudi." An under officer, descendant of a noble house, the one the princes had had sent to Baruch to get him to read the roll to them. "Princes -stood." The king sat on a rug and the princes stood respectfully about. 22. "Winterhouse." Great men had distinct houses or apartments, fitted for the different seasons of the year (Amos 3: 15). "Ninth month." Our December. The cold, rainy season. "Fire on the hearth." Fire in a brazier, a pot made of earthenware, in the form of a pitcher, placed in a hollow in the middle of the room.

23. "Four leaves." "Columns." R. V., margin. The roll was of parchment attached to a roller of wood at one or both ends. Our word volume, "that which is rolled up," points by its derivation to this older form of book. "Cut it." He could not tear parchment so he cut it. "Penknife." Scribe's knife. Used to shape the reed employed for writing, and to make erasures in the parchment. "He" refers to king (v. 22). As often as Jehudi read three or four columns he cut them out and burned them. "All these words" (v. 24) imply that the whole volume was read through. "Till all the roll was consumed" implies a gradual process.

24. "Not afraid." Contrast the humble fear of Josiah at the reading of the law (2 Kings 22: 11). Josiah rent his garments in grief that the book had been lost, his son cuts God's book and burns it. Throwing the fragments of the roll on the fire, he puts there, in symbol, his royal house, his doomed city, the temple and the people of the | M. It looks better than a great many land. "His servants." His immediate personal attendants who did not share the reverences of the princes (v. 16).

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### Of Household Interest.

Housecleaning is not the pleasantest of the housekeeper's tasks, but none the less necessary on that account. In the September Delineator Isabel Gordon Curtis offers in her series, "The Making of a Housewife," some suggestions that will tend to lighten the labor and lessen the disagreeableness of the household duty. Other items of domestic interest in the same number are illustrated cookery and a variety of receipes under the topics "Delicious Cream Jellies," "Decorative Color Salads" and "The Potato." In addition, Alice M. Kellogg explains "How to Select Finishing Hardware" and Ward Macheod writes on "Growing Bulbs Indoors." So. 33.

Has Waited Long for Lover.

High up in the mountains of North Carolina "Aunt Minty" Biers lives alone in her little cabin. Foot passengers through the settlement of Sandy Mush usually find her sitting on the steps of her cabin peering down the mountain side. This is the manner in which she has spent the greater part of her waking hours for forty-two years and the object of her search is Jacob Munhall, to whom she was engaged during the war days. Munhll was officially reported "missing," but his sweetheart has never in all the years doubted that he will return to her.

## HEART RIGHT When He Quit Coffee,

Life Insurance Companies will not insure a man suffering from heart trouble. The reason is obvious.

This is a serious matter to the husband or father who is solicitous for the future of his dear ones. Often the heart trouble is caused by an unexpected thing, and can be corrected if | hath seen, how can he love God whom taken in time and properly treated. A man in Colorado writes:

"I was a great coffee Grinker for many years, and was not aware of the injurious effects of the habit till I be-

Now that liking which makes friendship between man and man makes it between man and God. We can picture Abraham at the close of the day, when the tents had been pitched and the evening meal eaten, going apart from the camp for a little space that he might open his soul to God. We can imagine David at night time while the city slept, mounting to the roof of the palace and beneath the canopy of stars communing with the Most High. We can see Christ escaping from the crowds that thronged His steps and eagerly hiding for a brief time in the seclusion of some mountain top that He might be alone with His Father. It was because all three of these liked God,

It is a question worth asking whether we like God. I do not say reverence and honor, I do not say submit to and obey. Do we like God? It is a peculiar question. Perhaps asking it makes us wonder whether our appreciation of God does not lack something of the warm throb of life.

Friendship also involves similarity of tastes. In fact, most of our friendships come about through our being brought together in the pursuit of some common interest, by an ocean voyage, a golf club, a board of directors, a Sunday-school class, for example. People whose chief interests differ are not likely to become friends; Emerson and Boss Tweed, for example.

There is no better field for studying the laws of friendship than a college. Young men or women who have known each other pleasantly enter in the same class, go together for a time, then gradually, without any ill feeling whatever draw apart in order to form other combinations. This shifting is generally due to the dominating power of some common interest-French, boating, editing a paper together, membership in the same fraternity and the like.

The same principle holds true in the friendship between man and God. It is brought about by similarity of tastes and interests. Supreme in God is the sense of order, whose moral side is righteousness. How can He have any friendship with a man who lacks this sense of order? Who does not mind being a glutton or a drunkard or impure, or telling a lie or taking what is not his? As Paul says, "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" And another characteristic of God is His spirit of charity. But suppose a man is indifferent, hard and selfish, prone to cherish grudges and to do unkindnesses, how is friendship possible between him and God? "He that loveth not his brother whom he he hath not seen?"

It is important, then, for us to ask if we like what God likes, if we value highly, as He does, the soul, the spirit ual life, a character of purity and goodness. These are the foundations of friendship between heaven and earth. Again, part of friendship is loyalty. But loyalty how far? Through bad report as well as through good report? Assuredly. The friendship that will not endure strain is of little worth.

#### Ponder This Fact.

"Take your Bible, and carefully count, not only the chapters or the verses, but the letters from the beginning of Genesis to the 'Amen' of the Revelation; and when you have accomplished the task. go over it again and again-ten times, twenty, forty times-nay, you must read the very letters of your Bible eighty times over before you have reached the requisite sum. It would take something like the letters of eighty Bibles to represent the men, women and children of that old and wondrous empire. Fourteen hundred of them have sunk into Christian graves during this last hour; thirtythree thousand will pass to-day forever beyond your reach.

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Fifty Years "Nevertheless." This aggravates the king's sin. "Elnathan." A man of

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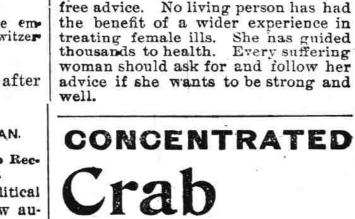
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figs (Jer. 24: 1). It is the more remarkable to find Elnathan thus interceding after the office he had performed in 26. "King commanded." He was not satisfied with burning the prophecy, but now desired to kill Jeremiah and his faithful scribe. He hoped to put an end to such prophecies. "Lord hid them." 'They had at the counsel of the princes hidden themselves (v. 19). Now, though a diligent search was made, the Lord did not permit them to

came a practical invalid, suffering from heart trouble, indigestion and nervousness to an extent that made me wretchedly miserable myself and a nuisance to those who witnessed my sufferings.

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bling in Wall Street, and misused the gard, in the forms of religion, but as funds of the bank of which he was the Psalmist puts it: "Truly my soul president. The deficit of millions was | waiteth upon God." For salvation, for count of the trouble with my heart. made good. But, of course, the dis- protection, He is to be sought; and grace was there. Yet to-day he has whatever the trouble of our lives, we standing in a certain small social cir- thus get stability. cle. His friends, you see, realized that the man was not really vicious at heart and stood by him to help him make a ises. But what plea can we present, new life. How many a man, who in | weak and sinful as we are? The name fact has done no wrong, but who has | that is above every name-the name of had some idle gossip raised about him, | Jesus.-John Hall. has found himself deserted in a minute by those he counted upon as his

friends. There is no social tragedy more pitiful than this, and also none more discreditable to human nature.

Jod, many who have called themselves | greatly."

hearts. It is enough to make an angel weep."-Rev. Silvester Whitehead.

#### The Name of Jesus,

The Lord is the hearer of prayer. There should be waiting on Him, not Twenty years ago a young man was only in the assembly of His people, not swept away by the excitement of gam- only with the attitude of reverent re-

> What can we ask? The fulfilment of the exceeding great and precious promtimes hotter. \*

#### The Way We Do Things.

Rev. F. B. Meyer says: "Knitting needles are cheap and common enough; but on them may be wrought the fair-To be a friend to God means to be est designs in the richest wools. So loyal to Him through storm as well as the incidents of daily life may be comthrough sunshine, in the day not only | monplace in the extreme, but on them of prosperity, but also in that of ad- as the material foundation we may for those days, being double-breasted versity, when the skeptic says, "If God | build the unseen but everlasting fabric, and swallow-tailed. The dimensions is good and is your friend, how can He of a noble and beautiful character. It are: Waist, 16 inches; length of front, permit this trouble to fall upon you?" does not so much matter what we do, 6 inches; back, 7 inches; sleeve, 8 Then when suspicion is raised about but the way in which we do it matters inches.

journey, and that his body was left be hind unburied as the army marched. 31. "I will punish him." He was slain, his kingdom destroyed and his son carried in chains to Babylon. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were not punished for the king's crimes, but for their own sins. "They hearkened'not." They might have been saved from the threatened evil if they had repented, threatened evil if they had repented. "Added-many like words." 32.Many more threatenings of wrath and vengeance were added in the second roll which were not in the first, for, since they will yet walk contrary to God. He will heat the furnace seven

doubt an actual message which the

king had sent to Jeremiah to frighten

him. "King of Babylon." Nebuchad-

nezzar, who had been once and collect-

ed tribute and gone. He should return

and destroy the land. Nothing but the

repentance of Jehoiakim and his peo-

ple could prevent it. 30. "None-

throne." His son, Jehoiachin, attempt-

ed it for three months, but the land

was occupied by Nebuchadnezzar's

army, and Jerusalem was in a state of

siege, and he was taken captive (2

Kings 24: S-17). No child of Jehoia-

chin succeeded to the throne. "Body

-cast out." A repetition of the pro-

phecy of Jer. 22: 19. Of its fulfilment

nothing is known. The phrase, "he

slept with his fathers," means that he

died (2 Kings 24: 6). He was fettered

by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Chron. 36: 6).

"Day-night." In the East the ther-

mometer often falls suddenly after

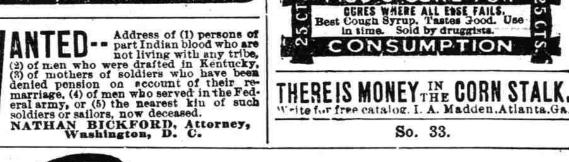
sundown (Gen. 31: 40). Plumptre

thinks it probable that the king, who

was being taken to Babylon in chains

with the other captives, died on the

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